

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kate E. Nordland et al.) Confirmation No.: 2871
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Application No.: 10/689,308) Group Art Unit: 3781
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Filed: October 20, 2003) Examiner: Shawn Braden
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For: Polymeric Containers With Handle) Atty. Dkt. No.: 077410.0513

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2006 and the Notice of Appeal dated November 20, 2006, please enter the following Request For Continued Examination and accompanying remarks into the file of this application.

In each response previously submitted for this application, Applicant has formally requested for an interview to discuss the merits of the application with the Examiner; however no such interview has been granted. Accordingly, Applicant's current options for obtaining the requested interview appear to be limited to filing a Petition to withdraw the finality of the Office Action, or a Request For Continued Examination. Thus, this Request For Continued Examination is hereby filed in effort to schedule a formal interview with the Examiner in the interest of expediting resolution of the patent application referenced above and to place this application in condition for allowance.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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